IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-25, 31-42, 53, 55 and 57; and amend claims 26-29, 43-52, 54, 56 and 58 as set forth below:

1-25. (Canceled)

26. (Currently amended) A control computer for connecting a plurality of telephones at a ~~given~~ restricted site to an offsite public switching network via a Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) network, said control computer comprising:

~~programmable means for restricting usage of said telephones by particular individuals~~ a storage for storing restrictions associated with usage of said plurality of telephones by individuals; and

a first VoIP gateway for translating call signals from said telephones for a call authorized by the stored restrictions into data packets, the first VoIP gateway transmitting the data packets ~~transmitted~~ over said VoIP network to ~~said offsite public switching network only under control of said control computer and subject to said usage restriction; and~~ a second VoIP gateway for processing the received data packets into telephone signals transmitted to said offsite public switched telephone network via a three-way call detection system for imposing a three-way call restriction, said three-way call detection system being disposed between a second VoIP gateway and said offsite public switched telephone network.

27. (Currently amended) The system of claim 26 wherein said first VoIP gateway ~~includes~~ further performs voice compression and packetization of the call.

28. (Currently amended) The system of claim 26 wherein the second VoIP gateway ~~includes~~ performs decompression and depacketization of the data packets received from the first VoIP gateway.

29. (Currently amended) The system of claim 26 wherein said first VoIP gateway includes an Ethernet network interface.

30-42. (Canceled)

43. (Currently amended) A method for providing prison facility call processing, said method comprising:

coupling~~, via a digital data link, a centralized system providing call control functions to a prison telephone system having a first voice over Internet protocol (VoIP) gateway, wherein the first VoIP gateway is between the~~ a prison telephone system ~~and~~ to an IP network via a call processing system including a first Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) gateway; and

interfacing a telephone terminal of said prison telephone system ~~coupled to said first VoIP gateway~~ with a public switched telephone network (PSTN) ~~under control of said centralized system to restrict a call between said telephone terminal of said prison telephone system and a telephone terminal coupled to said public switched telephone network (PSTN), wherein said telephone terminal of said prison telephone system is connected to said telephone terminal coupled to said public switched telephone network only under control of said centralized system;~~ via the first VoIP gateway, a second VoIP gateway and a three-way call detection system responsive to the call processing system authorizing a call placed on the telephone terminal, the second VoIP gateway placed

between the PSTN and the IP network, ~~network;~~ and ~~a~~ the three-way call detection system placed between said second VoIP gateway and said PSTN.

44. (Currently amended) The method of claim 43 further comprising:

the three-way call detection system monitoring said authorized call to detect three-way calling.

45. (Currently amended) The method of claim 44 wherein ~~said monitoring said call to detect three-way calling is performed~~ the three-way call detection system is located remotely with respect to said prison telephone system.

46. (Currently amended) The method of claim 43 ~~wherein~~ further comprising: said ~~centralized~~ call processing system ~~provides call recording with respect to said call~~ recording the authorized call.

47. (Currently amended) The method of claim 43 ~~wherein~~ further comprising: said ~~centralized~~ call processing system ~~provides~~ providing billing with respect to said authorized call.

48. (Currently amended) The method of claim 43 ~~wherein~~ further comprising: said ~~centralized~~ call processing system ~~provides~~ routing ~~with respect to~~ said authorized call.

49. (Currently amended) The method of claim 43 ~~wherein~~ further comprising: said ~~centralized~~ call processing system ~~provides~~ checking caller identification ~~checking~~ with respect to said authorized call.

50. (Currently amended) The method of claim 43 ~~wherein~~ further comprising: said

~~centralized~~ call processing system ~~provides~~ providing three-way call detection with respect to said authorized call.

51. (Currently amended) The method of claim 43 ~~wherein~~ further comprising: said ~~centralized~~ call processing system ~~provides~~ providing fraud detection with respect to said authorized call.

52. (Currently amended) The method of claim 43 ~~wherein~~ further comprising: said ~~centralized~~ call processing system ~~provides~~ providing call monitoring with respect to said authorized call.

53. (Canceled)

54. (Currently amended) A controlled ~~public~~ telephone communications system comprising:

~~a plurality of telephones at a given site;~~

a ~~programmable~~ control computer ~~for switching, accessing, routing, timing, billing, and restricting usage of said telephones by particular individuals, said plurality of telephones being connected to said programmable control computer, wherein said programmable control computer further comprises~~ comprising a first Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) gateway for processing calls from a restricted site into ~~servicing and control of~~ VoIP communication data packets ~~over a VoIP network, and wherein said first VoIP gateway is disposed between said plurality of telephones and~~ transmitted over an IP network~~; switching means operable under control of said programmable control computer for~~, and a switch selectively connecting the calls ~~said telephones~~ with an offsite public switched telephone network (PSTN) via said ~~VoIP~~ IP

network~~, wherein said telephones are connected to said offsite public switched telephone network only under control of said programmable control computer and subject to said usage restriction~~;

a second VoIP gateway disposed between said IP network and said offsite ~~switched telephone network~~ PSTN for processing the VoIP communication data packets into telephone signals for transmission over said offsite PSTN; and

a three-way call detection system disposed between said second VoIP gateway and said offsite PSTN, ~~switched telephone network, wherein~~ said three-way call detection system ~~performs~~ configured to perform [[a]] three-way call detection upon ~~a~~ the telephone signals ~~signal that has been depacketized by said second VoIP gateway~~.

55. (Canceled)

56. (Currently amended) The control computer of claim 26 wherein said storage ~~programmable means is responsive to an account associated with a personal identification number (PIN), said PIN being keyed into~~ further stores account information including personal identification numbers (PINs) of the individuals, a PIN received at the control computer via at least one of said plurality of ~~telephone terminals for authorizing stored permitted telephone usage associated with said PIN~~ telephones for obtaining authorization to place a call by at least one of the individuals associated with the PIN.

57. (Canceled)

58. (Currently amended) The method of claim 43 ~~wherein said centralized system is responsive to an account associated with~~ further comprising:

authorizing the call responsive to receiving a personal identification number (PIN), ~~said PIN being keyed into said telephone terminal for authorizing stored permitted telephone usage~~ associated with an account stored in the centralized system ~~said PIN~~.